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The book is not altogether devoid of information, but it is, in the main, a kind of *feuilleton* rather than a piece of geographic literature. A great deal might have been said about the places described that would have been of lasting value. Dr. Daullia, however, sacrifices too much to the doubtfully witty. Whenever information is proffered it is not always correct. Thus the name of the celebrated St. Bernard dog, the mortal remains of which are preserved at the Museum of Berne, was not "Baril" but "Barry." Otherwise, the details given concerning these "Salvation" dogs are quite true.

No map accompanies this essay on the surroundings of Mont Blanc. The excellence of the photographic views compensates in part for the deficiency. The place of the book is with light literature of the semi-serious kind. A. F. B.

Die Eisenbahnen, ihre Entstehung und gegenwärtige Verbreitung. Von F. Hahn. 150 pp., Illustrations and Index. B. G. Teubner, Leipzig, 1905. (Price, M. 1.25.)

This interesting as well as edifying narrative treats of the origin, progress, and present distribution of railroads. It describes (1) pioneer railroad-building in England, Germany, and America; (2) railroad construction, rolling stock, signals, and other appliances so far as it is the purpose of the book to enter into the technical phases of the railroad business; (3) the great north and south roads, the great east and west roads, and the European mountain and city lines. The book is very readable, and at the same time full of information.

In the West Indies. By W. B. F. 64 pp. and 6 Illustrations from original photographs. Arnold Fairbairns, London, 1905. (Price, 1s.)

Contains ten articles, first printed in a British newspaper, and relating to Jamaica, Porto Rico, St. Thomas, the Boiling Lake of Dominica, cacao in Dominica, and Martinique. The book is well written, and gives a good idea of some of the islands from the tourist's standpoint. The author was very favourably impressed with the progress of Porto Rico (this is the official U. S. spelling, though the author uses the Spanish form). He says:

It is not too much to say that, from a place of economic insignificance, the American will raise Puerto Rico to an island of the first importance in the West Indies, and this result may be looked for in a very little while.

Géographie agricole de la France et du Monde. Par J. Du Plessis de Grenédan. With 118 maps and diagrams. Paris, Masson et Cie., 1905. (Price, 7 fr.)

The object of this book is to place at the disposal of the students, in a clear and concise form, a sum of information on geographic-agricultural matters which could not be otherwise acquired except by laborious researches all over the field of general geography, and this purpose has been admirably attained. The author has selected, from physical, political, and economical geography, all that is of importance for the study of agriculture: the influences of soil, elevation, climate, geological structure of a given region on its production, the distribution of various forms of cultivation and production according to geographic conditions, and the ways and means by which, in each case, these conditions can be utilized to best advantage. The book is thus theoretical and practical at the same time, and the scientific spirit which pervades either part of the discussion makes it especially valuable among other books of this kind.